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SUBJECT: FONMIN MOCHTAR COMMENTS ON LAW OF THE SEA AND ISLAMIC  
CONFERENCES

1. SUMMARY. FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA RETURNED  
MAY 9 FROM TRAVELS WHICH INCLUDED ATTENDANCE AT ISLAMIC FOR-  
EIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN DAKAR AND PART OF THE LAW OF  
THE SEA CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. HE TOLD REPORTERS ANOTHER  
LOS CONFERENCE WOULD BE NEEDED TO FINALIZE CURRENT PROBLEMS,  
PROBABLY NEXT YEAR. INDONESIA, HE ANNOUNCED, WOULD SEND A  
DELEGATION TO HANOI AT THE END OF MAY TO DISCUSS MARITIME  
BOUNDARIES. MOCHTAR SAID ISLAMIC COUNTRIES WANT INDONESIA  
TO PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF  
THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. BUT INDONESIA WILL NOT JOIN THE  
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COMMITTEE OF FOUR. ASKED ABOUT RECOGNITION OF THE NEW  
AFGHAN GOVERNMENT, HE SAID THE GOI HAD NO DIFFICULTIES  
BUT COULD EXTEND NEW FORMAL RECOGNITION IF NECESSARY.  
END SUMMARY.

2. INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA  
SPOKE TO REPORTERS MAY 9 ON HIS RETURN FROM ATTENDING THE

ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN DAKAR AND A PORTION OF LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. HE EXPLORED THE LOSS OF THREE WEEKS TIME AT THE LOS CONFERENCE IN SETTLING THE CHAIRMANSHIP, AND SAID ANOTHER CONFERENCE WOULD BE NEEDED TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND EDIT A DRAFT CONVENTION. MOCHTAR SAID MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING HAD BEEN REACHED CONCERNING SEA POLLUTION, AND STRICTER CONTROLS SHOULD BE EXERCISED BY THE LITTORAL STATES.

3. MARITIME BOUNDARIES BETWEEN INDONESIA AND VIETNAM WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE END OF MAY, SAID MOCHTAR, WHEN AN INDONESIAN DELEGATION ARRIVES IN HANOI FOR TECHNICAL TALKS ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF CONFIGURATION.

4. ACCORDING TO MOCHTAR, ISLAMIC COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE DAKAR CONFERENCE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT INDONESIA WILL PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN EFFORTS TO REACH A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, AND URGED INDONESIA TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE OF FOUR (SENEGAL, SOMALIA, SAUDI ARABIA AND LIBYA) CONCERNED WITH THAT ISSUE. BELIEVING THAT THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE SOLVED WITHIN THE REGION, HE SAID, INDONESIA WILL NOT AGREE TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE OF FOUR, BUT WILL SUPPORT EFFORTS BY THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE TO REACH A SETTLEMENT AND MIGHT CONSULT WITH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IF REQUESTED TO DO SO. HE NOTED THAT ELEMENTS FOR A RESUMPTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS WERE AVAILABLE, SUCH AS THE TRIPOLI AGREEMENT, THE MARCOS-KHADAFI UNDERSTANDING, THE WILLINGNESS OF THE TWO PARTIES TO SIT AT A CONFERENCE TABLE, AND THE ASSISTANCE WHICH COULD BE GIVEN BY THE COMMITTEE OF FOUR AS A MEDIATOR.

5. ASKED IF THE GOI WOULD RECOGNIZE THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN, MOCHTAR SAID INDONESIA'S FAILURE TO RECALL ITS AMBASSADOR COULD BE VIEWED AS TACIT RECOGNITION, BUT FORMAL RECOGNITION COULD BE EXTENDED TO THE NEW REGIME IF NECESSARY.

6. COMMENT: INDONESIA'S RELUCTANCE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE ISSUE REFLECTS THE HIGHER PRIORITY IT PLACES ON ASEAN RELATIONSHIPS AS WELL AS SENSITIVITY TO DOMESTIC MUSLIM REACTION WHICH COULD BE EXPECTED TO COMPLICATE ANY GOI MEDIATION INITIATIVES.  
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